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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Bureau of Land Management [LEAD]
Director, National Park Service
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for
Tongue River Railroad Company, Inc., - Construction and Operation –
Western Alignment, **Tongue River III**, Rosebud and Big Horn Counties,
Montana (ER 04/797)
Agency Due Date: December 6, 2004

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) has requested the Department to review the above referenced project. You may retrieve it from the STB website at:
<http://www.stb.dot.gov/>.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the document from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Billings, Montana, by **November 23, 2004**.

The State Director, Bureau of Land Management, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Denver, CO, by **November 30, 2004**. Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to the REO.

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cc: Assistant Secretaries
Regional Environmental Officer, DEN

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